

**Business Enterprise Program Council for Minorities,
Females and Persons with Disabilities Meeting**

MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

100 W. Randolph
Room 2-025
Chicago, IL 60602

401 S. Spring St.
Room 500 1/2
Springfield, IL 62706

Monday, September 24, 2012 - 1:30 P.M

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Florence Cox	Nelida Smyser-Deleon	Alesia Hawkins	Charisse Witherspoon
Samantha Hufnagel	Rodney Lewis	Perry Nakachi	Fred Coleman
Richard Boykin	Marva Boyd		

COUNCIL MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Omar Duque	Alfred Ramirez	Joan Archie	Hedy Ratner	Jesse Martinez
Larry Ivory	Beth Doria	Lynn Turner		

COUNCIL CHAIR

Malcolm Weems, Chairman, CMS Director - Not present

COUNCIL SECRETARY

Paul Cerpa, BEP Deputy Director

CMS STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Elias Ricks Ngwayah II	Philina King	Sharla Roberts
Carlos Gutierrez	Chimaobi Enyia	Ellen Daley
Ngozi Okorafor	Gladys Rodriguez	Matt Runyen
Harry Reinhard	Tasha Cruzat	

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Tim Fishburn	Nicki Patterson	Lori Rosenfeldt	Ben Bagby	Ruddy Ortiz
Art Moore	Gustavo Giraldo	Tom Mikrut	Georgina Syas	John Donato
Matt Brown	Sharon Ferguson	Gilbert Villegas	Carlos Charneco	

AGENDA

- I. Welcome
- II. Call to Order
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Approval of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on August 27, 2012
- V. Chair's Report
- VI. Posted Business
 - IT Public Hearings Report
- VII. Unfinished Business
 - Sheltered Market Rules – Council Vote
- VIII. Committee Updates
 - Procurement Committee
 - Business Development Committee
 - Capital Access and Banking Committee
 - Certification Committee
 - Policy, Rules and Enforcement Committee
- IX. New Business
- X. Vendors' Testimony
- XI. Adjournment
 - Next Council Mtg. – October 22, 2012

I. Welcome

Council Secretary Cerpa announced that Chairman Weems will not be present at this meeting.

II. Call to Order

In Chairman Weems' absence, Council Secretary Cerpa called the Business Enterprise Program (BEP) Council meeting to order at 1:40 pm on September 24, 2012.

III. Roll Call

Council Secretary Paul Cerpa took the roll and announced that a quorum has been obtained.

IV. Approval of the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on August 27, 2012

Council approved the minutes of the August 27, 2012 Council meeting with one exception. Council member Richard Boykin was noted as being absent, when in fact, that member was present on the phone. Also, Council member Charisse Witherspoon requested to provide some verbiage changes to her discussion. Minutes will be revised to reflect this.

V. Chair's Report

Council Secretary Paul Cerpa indicated that since Chairman Weems was not present, they would forgo the Chair's Report and move forward to Posted Business.

VI. Posted Business

- **IT Public Hearings Report**

The Chicago session of the IT Hearings had the highest attendance rate over Springfield and Collinsville events. Reverend Jesse Jackson, President of Rainbow Push Coalition, attended and provided testimony during the Chicago session. Numerous issues were discussed at the hearings; minority participation, IT contracts, and problems surrounding awards of these contracts. A transcript report of all the hearings will follow shortly and be presented to the Council for their review. Based on this evaluation, the Council will make specific recommendations to address the issues presented. Council Member Boykin extended appreciation to all those involved in organizing the hearings.

VII. Unfinished Business

- **Sheltered Market Rules – Council Vote**

There was a motion by Council Member Boykin to table the vote on the Sheltered Market issue until Committee Chair Larry Ivory is present This motion was seconded by Council Member Witherspoon. The motion was carried.

VIII. Committee Updates

- **Procurement Committee:** There was no report as the committee has yet to meet. Council member Charisse Witherspoon has tentatively set the first meeting date of the committee for October 9, 2012.
- **Business Development Committee:** No report was presented; however, Council member Boykin noted that some data relationship maps were developed to geographically mark certain businesses. Matt Brown asked for a centralized sourcing or clearinghouse for such data collection activities noting that other geographical resources may be available, but at a prohibitive cost. In the end, the mapping venture did not meet expectations and should be reconsidered.
- **Capital Access Committee:** No Report was presented. Council member Coleman stated that the committee had not met in months. He did have a plan to meet sometime in October with a report to follow that meeting.
- **Certification Committee:** Committee chairperson Florence Cox informed the Council that the committee met in the morning and referred the case under review to CMS Legal for a decision.
- **Policy, Rules and Enforcement Committee:** Chairperson Beth Doria was not present. No report was given by any of the committee members

IX. New Business

Council Secretary Cerpa offered clarification regarding certain aspects of the Open Meetings Act. In order to establish a quorum, the members must be physically present. References were cited noting conferencing is acceptable as long as it is within the confines of a public building.

A question arose on the implementation of a Sheltered Market. Philina King, CMS Legal representative, responded that the Council has the authority and ability to enact rules; however, there is no current process in place to perform this function. Ms. King stated that Central Management Services will implement the rules if the Council votes “Yes” on the Sheltered

Market proposal. Also noted was the fact that new rules need statistical evidence. Unfortunately, the new Disparity Study has not been completed and these rules must be set aside until the study has been completed. At this time, no date has been set for completion of the Disparity Study however, given the anticipated time frame for a contract to be awarded and the consultant to complete even preliminary reports; nothing would be completed until January of next year.

X. Vendor Testimony

None.

Announcements:

Council Member Nelida Smyser-Deleon announced an event this coming September 28 for commercial vendors to meet and greet and discuss ways to obtain state contracts. Representatives from DHS, CMS, and the Governor's Office will be attending this event.

Council Member Charisse Witherspoon announced an event on October 1 featuring the Chicago Chapter of Women's Businesses. The fee for this event is \$125 that includes a breakfast and lunch. Workshops will be offered on Wealth Management and Social Media.

XII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 PM